

ABSTRACT

A personal floatation device 10 includes a buoyant foam member 20 enclosed within inner and outer layers 52, 54 of a garment 50. The foam member 20 can be cut as 5 an initially flat member, which can then be folded to fit around and conform to the wearer's upper torso. The folded foam member 20 is held in a folded configuration by the multi-layer outer garment 50. The buoyant foam 20 bears against the wearer's upper body to hold the head above water. The buoyant foam includes segments 38, 40 fitting over the wearer's shoulders and wings 42, 44 extending beneath the wearer's arms. This 10 personal floatation device 10 is especially suited for use by small children.